



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 41st FIRES BRIGADE
BUILDING 10053 BATTALION AVENUE
FORT HOOD, TX 76544

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Brigade Command Policy Letter #8 – Suicide Prevention

1. REFERENCES.

- a. AR 600-63, Army Health Promotions, 20 September 2009.
- b. III Corps Command Policy Letter, SURG-02, Suicide Prevention: Reporting, Awareness Training and Agency Responsibility, 02 November 2009.
- c. HQDA EXORD 103-09 ISO Army Suicide Prevention, February 2009.
- d. III Corps and Fort Hood Regulation 350-1.
- e. Vision 2011 – The III Corps and Fort Hood Campaign Plan, 2008.
- f. DA PAM 600-24 Suicide Prevention and Psychological Autopsy, 1988.

2. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all Soldiers, Family Members and DOD Civilian Employees.

3. POLICY. Suicide is a potentially preventable tragedy which must be addressed through engaged leadership. The Brigade engages in a monthly Suicide Prevention Board to review incidents across the formation, discuss training, identify trends and educate leaders on ways to better address this issue across the ranks. This Board is designed to be a forum where leaders can have an open dialogue on this issue. The guidelines set forth in this policy are designed to provide Commanders, Soldiers and Family Members the necessary information and resources to combat Suicide in their homes and workplace.

a. Reporting. All suicide ideations, attempts or deaths of a Soldier or family member will be reported via Serious Incident Report (SIR), IAW Brigade CCIR/IR.

b. Training. AR 350-1 requires annual Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training. Units will incorporate Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training into Safety Day Activities.

(1). The BDE UMT ensures one member is qualified as a certified trainer for Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.

(2). Battalions identify one ASIST trained personnel to assist unit reaction to suicidal

activity or intentions.

(3) The BDE UMT tracks and monitors the status of Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training across the unit. The BDE UMT is responsible for identifying trends or particular areas of concerns and sharing that information with commanders at all levels.

c. Risk Reduction. Commanders at all levels identify High Risk/At Risk Soldiers through established metrics. Commands ensure Soldiers have access to Community Health Promotion Programs across the installation or the Community Resiliency Office.

8. EXPIRATION. This policy remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.

9. PROPONENT. The proponent for this policy letter is the 41st Fires Brigade Chaplains Office at (254) 288-3397.


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